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The Honorable Ronnie Abrams
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
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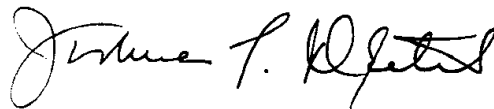
Re: *United States v. Feng Ling Liu, et al. (Shu Feng Xia, a/k/a “Kevin LNU”),*
12 Cr. 934-009 (RA)

Dear Judge Abrams:

This letter is in regard to the above-entitled case, in which I am appointed counsel for Shu Feng Xia (identified in the Indictment as “Kevin LNU”). Recently, Mr. Xia has written the Court to inform it that he has “fired” me as his appointed counsel and wishes to proceed *pro se*. See Docket #277. While Mr. Xia’s *pro se* status would nevertheless almost certainly require standby counsel, it would appear – in light of his expressed dissatisfaction with my representation in connection with his sentencing – inappropriate for me to continue in that capacity (or in any capacity on Mr. Xia’s behalf).

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that I be relieved as Mr. Xia’s appointed counsel, either as his attorney or standby counsel. I will also be making a similar application to the Second Circuit in connection with Mr. Xia’s appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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